

Over The Valley

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Visit In Baker— Mr. and Mrs. Frank McKennon went to Baker Wednesday where they made a short visit at the home of Mr. McKennon's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wright and children. They returned home last evening.

Brothers' Day— Saturday, February 18th is Brothers' Day at Blue Mt. Grange and the brothers will have the full day in the day's proceedings with the village of furnishing the program and preparing the dinner. Worthy Master Wright appointed J. E. Lindsey chairman of the committee to make arrangements and see that the sisters are properly entertained and fed. One new application for membership was received. The first debate under the state wide debate on the federal question will be taken up on Wednesday, February 1st.

Rural Carrier Improves— L. D. Sutherland, mail carrier out of the Cove post office, who has been in the Grande Ronde hospital, is much better now and has been at the home of his nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Landers, in La Grande. Mr. Sutherland is much better now and Sunday evening, accompanied by Mr. Landers' mother, Mrs. Ella Landers, went to Pendleton to spend some time visiting.

Complete Ice Harvest— The harvest of ice by the Pacific Fruit Express company, at its pond at North Bowlers was completed last week. It is reported that the company cut over 10,000 tons of ice, and is said to be of an exceptionally good quality. Close to 2000 tons were shipped out over the O.-W. R. & N. to different points.

Cricket Flat Tomorrow— An effort is being made to have as nearly all the members of Cricket Flat grange out at the meeting tomorrow as possible. There will be a roll call of members. It is to be an all day meeting.

Improves Farm Equipment— Auctioneer T. R. Johnson, who lives on the Lower Cove market road, has already started on a series of improvements about his place, which will add greatly to the completeness and efficiency of the place. The plans call for considerable building, but these will be started and completed only as weather conditions permit. Already the large and commodious double garage has been completed. It is of frame construction and houses, besides the garage, a woodshed, and a nice room has been finished up above.

The next improvement will be the enlargement of the present cow barn. It now stands 29x48 feet, to which a 20 foot addition will be joined, making the structure then 29x68 feet. Mr. Johnson is now milking between 12 and 15 cows. He is rather working on an experiment, endeavoring to find out which in his judgment is the best breed of dairy cattle for his locality and needs. He has now both the Jerseys and Guernseys. "My decision has just about been made," said Mr. Johnson, "and I am favoring the Guernseys. I find them better as to size—they are larger, consequently, cut heavier, consequently, cut and stand this climate better. And they are just as good for milk."

Mr. Johnson also wanted it added that he has for two years been selling his butter fat through the Payette Cooperative, an organization with 2500 members, of which he is a stockholder and which last year had an output of three and a half million pounds of butter.

Given Birthday Surprise— As Tuesday was Mrs. John Hamann's birthday, 52 grangers and neighbors surprised her at her home on the Cove highway, in the evening. Following an impromptu program, which consisted of several violin selections, songs and readings by M. L. Carter, three violin numbers by Ethel Hornum, two musical readings, followed by two duets by Mrs. Fred Huffman, considerable time was devoted to group singing by the older folks, while the little ones played games. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing cards and other games. A beautifully decorated cake, made and presented to the hostess by Mrs. William Taylor and Mrs. Richards, and large enough that every guest present received a piece of it, was the stellar attraction when a fine lunch was served at midnight. Every one had such a fine time the party did not break up until 1 o'clock.

Gets High Praise— J. B. Weaver, of near Union, who has been one of the enthusiastic potato growers in the county this year, had his potatoes passed for certification, according to the report of G. E. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at O. A. C. following his recent visit for inspection purposes in this county. Mr. Hyslop said this concerning Mr. Weaver's potatoes: "This is one of the best lots in the state." Mr. Weaver feels that the results justified the care and time expended on this particular crop.

Makes Final Payment— At the meeting of the Elgin city council, recently, when reports of

the year's work, etc., occupied the attention of the city dad, it was decided to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the city's "City Hall Opera House," or something in the neighborhood of \$3000. The building which meets a distinct need in Elgin was built 16 years ago at a cost of approximately \$22,000, which amount included the furnishings and fixtures.

It is reported that now Elgin's only bonded indebtedness is for their present water system, which residents of that city claim is quite an enviable state of affairs.

To Install Light— The Summerville school was recently measured for the installation of electric lights, which it is expected will be installed before long. With the organization of an active P.-T. A. and with other school enterprises which are so thoroughly real community enterprises, some sort of lights are considered quite a necessity.

Fifty-three Years Wed— Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of near Cove, on the first of this year marked the passing of their 53rd wedding anniversary at their present temporary home in Pasadena, Cal., whether they have gone to escape the severity of the local winter weather. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are both among the old pioneers of this county, having come here in 1875 from Illinois and both having been members of the same wagon train. Their marriage occurred two years after they had settled in the valley. Mrs. Miller was a daughter of the late A. B. Conley, who was one of the most prominent pioneers in this Grande Ronde valley. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have a fine line of descendants, seven of their nine children living in this state. There are also 27 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Miss Leichter Improves— The many friends of Miss Eva Leichter, now a patient in Emanuel hospital, Portland, will be glad to know of her continued improvement this week, following her operation a week ago today for gallstones. Her condition was found to be much more serious than had been thought before the operation, but since the first of this week, her daily improvement has been quite gratifying.

Four Join Association— Four dairymen, of Walla Walla county, with herds numbering 19, 18, 20 and 11 head, have recently joined the Walla Walla Union County Cows' Testing association, two of them being from Walla Walla and two from Lostine. These four add two more to the number of days of testing to be done by this association through its paid tester and completes the requirements necessary to meet the expenses of the association. Those who have already held memberships in this organization report that they have received practical benefit from the work done already.

Visits In Country— Mrs. J. W. Lytle went to Allied Wednesday and spent the day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallingser.

Returns From California— Harold Wallinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallinger of Allied, returned the first of the week from California where he had been for the past few months on health errands, following consultation with specialists in Portland. While away he visited several California cities and saw many former friends from this section.

Co. Convention Tonight— This evening the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges of Elgin will be the host and hostess to the district convention of these two organizations, representatives being present from Summerville, Union, La Grande, and Cove. Exercises are scheduled to begin at 7:30 o'clock, with initiatory work put on in each of the two organizations, a supper, dance and program following these exercises.

Go To California— Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McKinnis and young son are planning to leave that place soon for California where they will make an extended stay. Mrs. McKinnis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, have recently moved from their home at Milton to California, their home before that having been at Imbler. Mr. McKinnis has for some time been the owner of the Andrews garage at Imbler, having just recently sold out to his brother.

Union Cows Test High— According to the Weekly Republican, of Union, "H. J. Nielson of Union had the highest yielding herd of the Union-Walla Walla cow testing association in the month of November, according to a report received locally from the office of N. C. Jamison, dairy extension specialist of the Oregon Agricultural college, in charge of the testing work in Oregon. The report filed by Eston H. Ahlstrom, tester for the association, shows that eight Jersey cows owned by Mr. Nielson, averaged 659 pounds of milk for the month containing 21,66 pounds of butterfat. The average for 642 cows in 37 herds tested by the association was but 284.1 pounds of milk and 19.4

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Black Walnut Cookies 3 eggs well beaten Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour and 1/2 teaspoon baking powder. 1 1/2 cups dark brown sugar. 4 tablespoons molasses (preferably sorghum). 1 1/4 cups walnut meats. Pinch of salt. Bake on greased pan in moderate oven. Leave on pan until cold.

Among the 33 cows of the association producing more than 40 pounds of butterfat for the month, Mr. Nielson's cow "Clarice" stood fifth in the three-year-old class with a record of 732 pounds of milk and 49.35 pounds of butterfat. The highest record for the association was that of "Holstein" owned by W. A. Murray of Walla Walla county who yielded 1413 pounds of milk and 65 pounds of butterfat in a month. Another high record was that of "Shaggy" a Jersey cow owned by Hugh Wilson, also of Walla Walla, who yielded 1110 pounds of milk and 61.2 pounds of butterfat.

The Eastern Oregon experiment station owned two of the honor cows of the association, "Number 29" a four-year-old grade Jersey who yielded 762 pounds of milk and 47.2 pounds of butterfat; and "Number 42" another grade Jersey whose production was 217 pounds of milk and 39.4 pounds of butterfat; "42" was in the two-year-old class.

The state average for all seven associations testing more than 1,000 cows during November is given as 425.5 pounds of milk and 21.57 pounds of butterfat. The report shows that 38 unprofitable cows were "weeded out" and sold during the month as a result of testing done in the seven groups. "Other herds in this vicinity being tested by the Union-Walla Walla association include those owned by James Kottford, Carl P. Edvalson, W. W. Grist, C. L. Caldwell, J. E. Mills of Love, and Roy Bell and Tom Conklin, all of Cove."

Students To Stage Carnival— The students of the Imbler high school are working hard on a carnival which they expect to give next Wednesday evening at Wade hall as benefit for the school. The general admission admits to a \$9 parade minstrel show which includes the five principal responsibilities for. Other features will be ball game, African dancer, novelty dance, fortune teller, Japanese tea room, etc.

To Entertain Aid— Mrs. C. C. Weira, of Imbler will be the hostess to the Imbler Ladies' Aid next Thursday afternoon at her home.

Initiated Into Sorority— Miss Wilma Gaskill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gaskill, of Imbler, was initiated last Saturday into the Pi Beta Phi, prominent sorority at the state university. There were several young women initiated at this time, and according to Miss Gaskill the rites were most impressive.

Study Oregon Geography— The members of the Women's Club of Imbler studied further in Oregon geography at their regular meeting held Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Ezra Hazen. There was quite a large attendance during the afternoon, and much interest was shown in the subjects brought up. Mr. Hood Leary, the petriologist, the highways, etc. Mrs. R. L. Morgan was the leader of the program and was assisted by Mrs. Green, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Irvin Westenskov and Mrs. Leo Westenskov. A contest pertaining to Oregon geography was held and Mrs. Leo Westenskov was the most successful of the contestants. Her contestants were scored by the committee Mrs. Hazen, Mrs. Charles Cleaver and Mrs. Leo Westenskov. The next meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of February at the home of Mrs. Irvin Westenskov.

Announce Cleeve Party— The Eastern Star social club of Elgin are having a social event this evening which promises originality and cleverness through. It has been called a "Hawaiian Non-Stop Party," and is to be given at their hall.

A Profitable Patch— A small acreage of strawberries is a profitable crop for Grande Ronde valley farms, according to Luther Campbell, of the Mt. Glen district, as recorded in the last farm bulletin. Mr. Campbell grew a half acre on land which was sub-irrigated from a spring. The patch was made up of several different varieties which produced 2 1/2 crates of berries and which brought \$115.25. He reports that he could have sold many more berries if he had had them.

Important P.-T. A. Tonight— The Island City Parent-Teacher association will hold its regular meeting this evening at the Community church at Island City. The hour of the meeting is 7:15 and this will be followed by the showing of 50 beautiful slides which will be a strong feature of entertainment for the evening. Admission is free and it is hoped that the attendance will be very large.

American Legion Auxiliary— The American Legion Auxiliary of Imbler, held a very interesting meeting on Monday evening, when

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DUNCAN McLEAN ONE OF EARLIEST. MOST ACTIVE PIONEERS

It has been said that among the most active of the earliest pioneers in this county, is Duncan McLean, of Walla Walla—a man who crossed the plains in the early sixties, entered this valley before there was even a house built in La Grande, but yet today is manager of a theater in our sister county, Walla Walla. In the recent issue of the Walla Walla Sun, Editor Hamstreet writes quite fascinatingly of Mr. McLean's experiences, and it is with his permission that the story is passed, the article to appear in two installments.

Few would recognize in Duncan McLean of Walla Walla, and manager of McLean's theater, a pioneer of Oregon whose trek across the plains crossed the site of the present city of La Grande, Baker and others before ever a house was built, or a claim was staked, and who saw the first house after leaving the Platte river when he arrived at The Dalles.

Nor are there many today living who remember him as one of the famous fiddlers of the Grande Ronde valley in the days when they danced the square dances all night. Ed Eckley and "Cap" Richey were two of his associates in pioneer organization. They are still residents of the Grande Ronde valley. Another associate was Frank Childers, former sheriff of Union county.

Dunc was also deputy assessor under Ben Brown, founder of La Grande. He helped drive the first Merino sheep to Oregon, for Donald McCloud, one of Walla Walla valley's first settlers and for many years well known and wealthy breeder of Scotch colts, near Amity, Oregon.

Dunc has been a miner, painter, tombstone engraver and wagon smith; trades, vocations and followings which, with his active, lively life, when woven together, make an interesting blend of pioneer experiences, such as are fast disappearing beneath the sod as death reaps its harvest of age.

Dunc is Scotch, all the way through. He was born in Scotland near Glasgow, on March 17th, 1852 the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McLean, and he can twist his tongue around Scotch burrs yet with the flexibility of Hobby Burns. Dunc's father was a blacksmith, but he wanted to go to America, like all his neighbors were, and so he bundled his family and household goods into a boat at Liverpool and away they sailed. Dunc then was six years old. The sailing vessel was seaworthy, but the voyage was rough. Nevertheless after five weeks they arrived safely in New York and departed thence for Illinois, settling in Stark county near Keokawee. Here two years later, Maggie, sister of Dunc and later to be one of Eastern Oregon's best known teachers, was born. The following year the mother died, and the father with Dunc, Maggie, John, eldest son, and Belle, eldest daughter, packed their belongings into a wagon and with a team started for Oregon.

They worked along their way, falling in with others, westward bound; kindly, motherly ladies taking care of the baby, Maggie. Fortunately for them, they secured a government escort under the personal direction of Captain Crawford, and when their team died, the government provided them with oxen. This was in the year 1861, and for seven weary months they plodded across the plains and mountains.

Here is where McCloud and his sheep enter the scene. McCloud, Scotchman, too, and well known to Dunc's father, had gone to California in the gold rush of '49, later drifted to Oregon and then had gone back to Scotland for some thoroughbred colts, stopped in Vermont on his return, bought 500 Spanish Merino sheep and then started afoot with them, wintering in Illinois near the McLean place. Hence it came about that the Mc-

Leans started west when McCloud resumed his journey.

Dunc, as a barefoot boy, helped McCloud drive these sheep. One other man, a herder, named Campbell, also helped and that was all the assistance McCloud had. They made fast progress having to travel principally by night on account of the sheep being unable to stand the heat of the sand by day, and continued to have an escort until the Snake river was reached. Here the captain told McCloud he would have to abandon his sheep, but the Scotchman was determined, and the train went off and left him. But he struggled on, finally reaching The Dalles, head of navigation at that time, with 250 head.

The train with the McLeans reached The Dalles only two weeks ahead of McCloud at that. With his last dime gone, Dunc's father was fortunate in finding work, obtaining a job as blacksmith for \$16 a day. The wages were high, but living was too, for flour was \$8 a sack.

The family never entirely lost track of McCloud. After he managed to get his sheep into the Willamette valley he sold them off in parcels and then went to breeding colts at Amity. He died in California several years ago at the age of 83. His place at Amity was not far from the original donation land claim of Joe Johnson, father of E. F. and Arthur Johnson, of Walla Walla, one of the county's original pioneers.

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An eccentric family moved into our neighborhood recently. The husband and wife go out walking on Sunday afternoons.

Apple Growers Have Fairly Good Year—15 Per Cent Is Exported

Apple growers in Union county had a fairly profitable season during 1927, according to word received from farmers and orchardists. In general, prices received were good but were not up to earlier expectations. Description over the nation is consumption having been below the average which caused the price of first class stuff to drop some, and placed second class apples at a slightly higher price, Fred Terpany, Elgin fruit grower says. Practically all of the apples raised in the valley have been cleaned up and less than ten per cent are not yet marketed. A rough estimate of the total amount shipped during the year is 400 carloads of which about 15 per cent, or 60 cars, were exported. The bulk of the crop was marketed to the east, probably only about one per cent being marketed on the West Coast. The apples sent east went into the Midwest, the South, the East and the New England states—fairly well divided. Of the amount exported, the majority was sent to the east where it was loaded onto ships in eastern ports, due, growers say, to the fact that it is cheaper to ship apples from Eastern Oregon via New York than through Portland and thence onto the boat. A small percentage of the apples produced in the Grande Ronde valley this year were marketed locally.

GRANGE HALL PERSONALS

GRANGE HALL (Special)— Earl Hughes, who lives at the Clover creek ranch located up Ladd Canyon spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes. He returned home the following day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lindsey are driving a new sedan car. Because of the bad condition of the roads the last three meetings of Liberty Sunday school have been held at the different homes of the members. Last Sunday the school was held at the I. D. Smith home and next Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gekeler's home will be the meeting place.

Elbert Lemon has received word of the death of his cousin Harland Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich died Tuesday in Portland of scarlet fever.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sherwood are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Masterton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hughes and son Claire were Sunday School visitors Sunday.

To the gratification of a number of farmers along route two the mail man who has not been going

JUDGE LISTS BACHELORS TO HELP KANSAS CPUD

EMPORIA, Kan. (AP)—Bachelors here are taking to cover. Judge R. Wilford Riegler, who issues marriage licenses in probate court, has compiled a list of 125 men eligible for leap year proposals. Opposite each name are the man's address and telephone number. Judge Riegler insists the list was not prepared to stimulate his marriage license business, nor was it designed to win the votes of old maids. He says his purpose was to give Ivan Cupid plenty of target practice this leap year.

DRAINAGE LAND LIES IDLE

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Field studies of 53 drainage districts in the Lower Mississippi valley and South Atlantic states reveal that only about 26 per cent of the area made available for cultivation by drainage has been brought under the plow. Some estimates indicate it will take about 30 years to bring the land in question into full cultivation.



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